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## RARE HONOUR FOR STUDENT

Colin Hillman of Maidstone street, Altona, has received a special Award from the Supreme Court for two of the subjects he studied last year—Principles of Property and Conveyancing in the course of articulated clerks.

Earlier this year he also was awarded the Supreme Court Exhibition as the best student in the subject of Mercantile Law.

In a letter the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Winneke, told Mr. Hillman that it was a pleasure to inform him of the award so soon after he had won the Exhibition.

## Cr. LEE ON BEACH INQUIRY

The shire president, Cr. H. W. Lee, has been appointed to a three-man committee to inquire into the costs of foreshore development and subsidies around Port Phillip Bay.

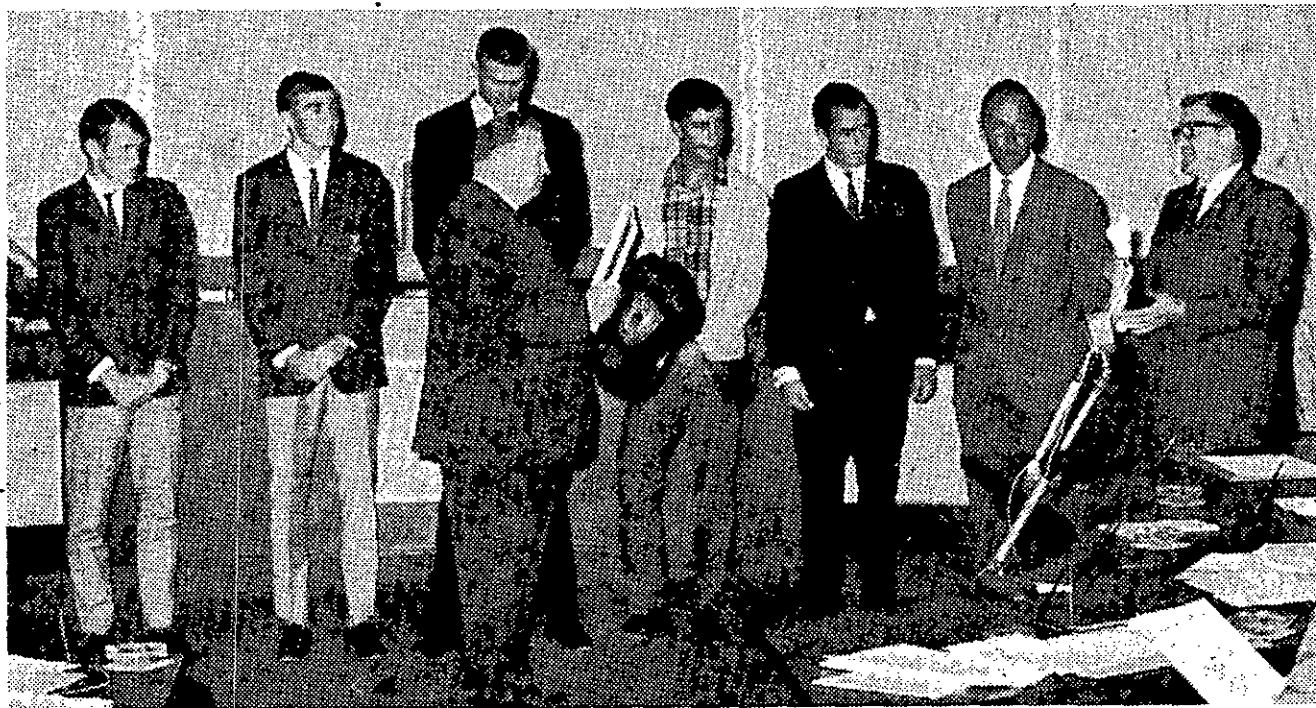
Councillors from Frankston and Sandringham are also on the committee.

The report is to go to all Bayside councils for their consideration.

Cr. Lee and Cr. H. Weaver attended a meeting of other Bayside councillors in Sandringham Town Hall.

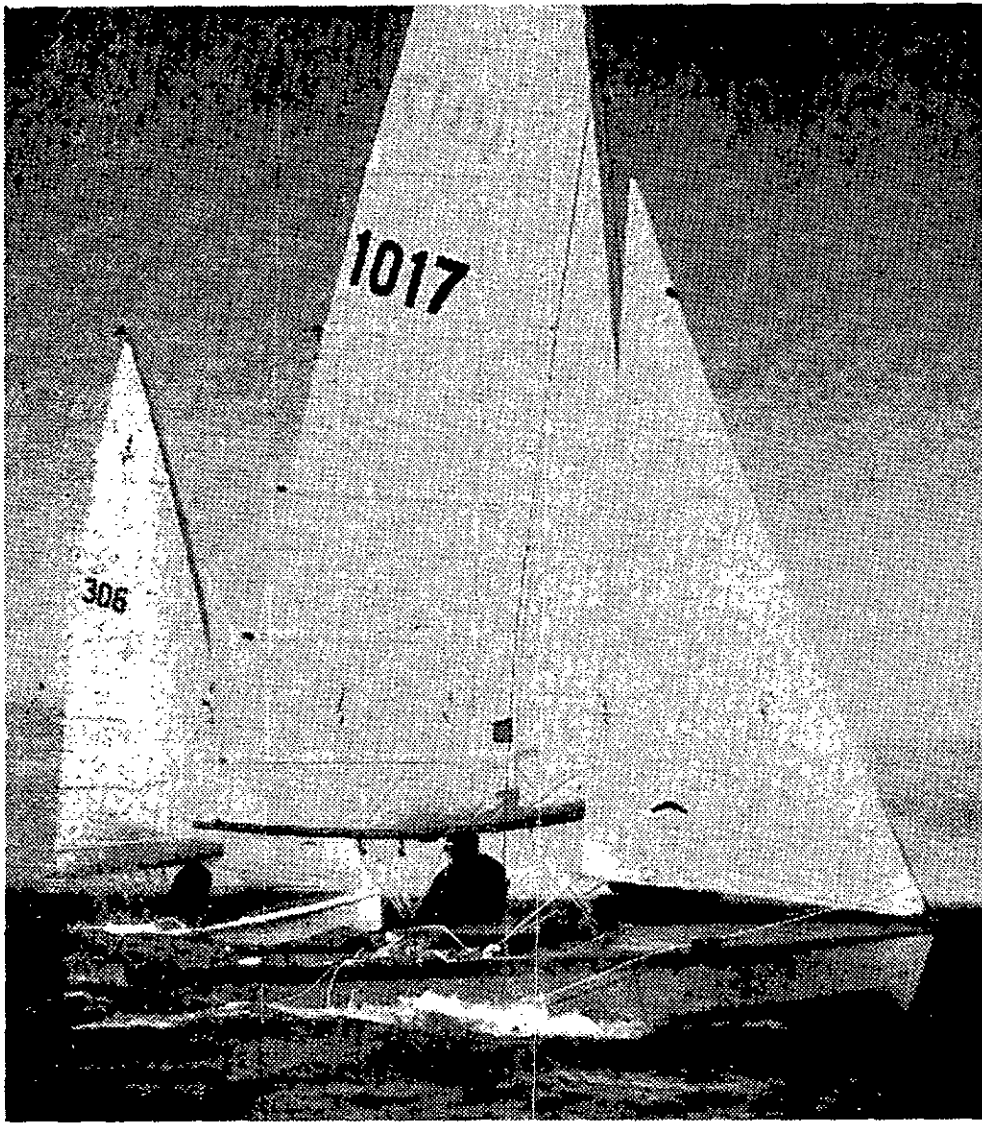
Cr. Weaver told the meeting that most councils were spending five times as much as they got from grants on foreshore care. "It is felt someone else should help pay for these advantages."

## Victorious Basketballers Receive Award



The victorious Altona basketball team, which won the Murray Valley Championship at Swan Hill over the New Year holiday period, was invited to the last Altona council meeting. Shire president, Cr. H. W. Lee, is shown above holding the Cohn Shield presented to the team by the Mayor of Swan Hill and the Certificate of Merit Cr. Lee presented on behalf of the council in appreciation of the team's exploits. Also in the photograph (left to right) are players Robert Johnstone, Ken Burbridge, Brian Kerle, John Carr and Max Johnstone, coach Mr. Arnold Anson and president of the basketball club, Mr. Bruce Johnstone.

## Top Hornet



Ted Philipps and his crewman, Les Laker, sail "Laphil" into first place last weekend to take off the Victorian Hornet Championship for the second year in succession. After seven races between 14 competitors three yachts—all from Altona—had the chance to take off the title in the last race. Alex Robertson, in "Marion II", had every chance of winning when, in the last race, he opened up a 400-yard lead from John Andress in "Shadow," who was covering every move made by the favourite, Ted Philipps. Philipps eventually broke clear from Andress and set off after Robertson, who seemed to have victory in his grasp. But brilliant sailing and intense concentration enabled Philipps to snatch victory from Robertson in the last 100 yards of sailing. Philipps won by three seconds. The third placegetter, "Shadow," is in the background of the above photograph.

## HYDRANT AGAIN FLATTENED

—WATER 50ft. IN AIR

Once again the fire hydrant in Civic-pde. near Pier-st., Altona, was knocked flat and precious water gushed 50ft. into the air last Sunday night.

The gusher of water, turned into a colourful waterfall by the light from an amber street lamp, became an interesting display for folk out strolling on this sultry evening.

The hydrant was hit just after 7 p.m. Three quarters of an hour later the water pressure had been noticeably eased and within the hour the flow had ceased.

It is the third time in the last six months that this hydrant has been the "Aunt Sally" for passing traffic.

Last time, Christmas Eve, the lawns of the Civic Offices received such a soaking that it was many weeks before they went back to matching the other nearby drought-stricken lawns.

But last Sunday the lawns missed out. The northerly breeze blew the water across Civic-pde. where it was wasted on the vacant corner block.

However, nearby residents bucketed some of the water from over-flowing gutters onto their parched gardens and drivers grasped the opportunity to wash their cars.

Vehicles were banked up for two blocks along Civic-pde. as drivers, pausing for a free car wash, stopped the flow of traffic.

Held-up drivers honked away on their horns.

About a dozen youths had a delightful time rushing in and out of the water (clothes and all) giving token washes with their shirts to passing cars.

Cars that stalled were quickly pushed on by them.

They put much effort into pushing back to the street the panel van unwisely driven onto the uneven vacant block on which lay pools of water 18in. deep.

Many of the younger fry dressed only in bathers frolicked in the water on the nature strips.

But, alas, the adults were mainly bemoaning the loss of water which is so badly needed.



• New coach of the Altona Football team, Algie Vasilitis, smiles broadly after he learnt he had the all clear to come to Altona. He is a former player with the Footscray and Williamstown Clubs.

## ALTONA FOOTBALL CLUB MEETING

A General meeting of the Altona Football Club will be held on Wednesday, March 27

## OBITUARY



Mr. Alfred William Langshaw, a former president of the Shire of Altona, died at his home in Clematis-ave., Altona North, on March 19.

A resident of Clematis-ave. for over 18 years, he always displayed keen interest in the development of the Altona area and particularly the Altona North area.

Mr. Langshaw was a member of the original Altona Shire Council which was elected in May, 1957, when he was the fourth elected candidate.

He was re-elected to the council when his term of office expired in August, 1958.

He was Altona Shire's fourth president in 1959-60 and was a member of the Parks and Gardens Committee.

The most notable happening during his year of presidency was the opening of the factory for Australian Carbon Black Pty. Ltd.

His term of office as a councillor was due to expire in August, 1961, but his resignation became effective from November 8, 1960.

He then became the Altona Shire Building Inspector.

Earlier he was a noted bricklayer and worked on many buildings around Melbourne. He made a speciality of erecting chimneys and boilers for factories and travelled interstate on this work.

During the Second World War he served with the RAAF and afterwards became an active member of the Air Force Association.

He was a member of the Altona Hospital Committee and the group which worked to raise funds for an Altona Safety Pool.

Mr. Langshaw was a foundation member of the Altona Gun Club which operated for some time in the vicinity of "The Pines."

His hobby was the training and racing of trotting horses.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and four sons—Norma (Mrs. Gladman), Ronald, Douglas, Betty (Mrs. McPherson), Bryce and Howard—and 20 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

at 8 p.m. in the Pavilion at Grant Reserve.

Important items to be discussed include the formation of the second Under 16 Team, and the support of all parents is necessary to get this side functioning.

Training is now in full swing for all sides and whilst most of last season's players are improving their physical condition, a number have yet to make an appearance. Under 16 and Under 18 sides are recruiting well and some promising players have been training, but there is still room for more and all intending players should get an early start.



# EDITORIAL

## A DELAY TO CONSIDER

By his offer to resign as President, Cr. Lee has emphasised his desire that Altona should become a city without any delay.

Such a sacrifice would be to his credit, but would it be necessary?

Nothing has been said to indicate that Altona will receive a particular disadvantage if such a step is withheld pending further consideration.

Altona in recent years may have suffered disadvantages as a shire—it has had also benefits perhaps corresponding.

A few further months as a shire should not greatly weaken Altona.

It is hard to understand Cr. Lee's viewpoint.

Labor in absolute power had for several years every opportunity to make this change. It was then either not desirable or unimportant.

Cr. Lee now says "Perhaps we should have done it some years ago, but at the time I did not think it necessary."

Now for some reason it is claimed that it is vital for Altona's interest that the change should be made forthwith.

What new circumstances has changed the attitude of Labor councillors? Altona people are entitled to know. No councillor has so far informed them.

## Seaholme School Library

On Wednesday, March 13 Mr. Bob Ginn of the Victorian Education Dept. Library staff, addressed a gathering of Seaholme School parents.

He covered advantages of a central library in a school, problems in providing a library and teaching techniques and organisation. Parents were given the opportunity to present any of their doubts regarding this project to Mr Ginn.

Finance for the purchase of books immediately on top of construction costs is going to be a burden, but it was pointed out all necessary furniture will be provided free and the Education Dept. does give an extra grant to schools in these circumstances.

In many schools individual families have helped by donating one book each when their library has been opened. Many local firms and companies also have given various schools excellent support in this field.

President of the Mothers' Club, Mrs. B. Davies, told the meeting of a visit paid by some of the Mothers' Club to the Tottenham School Library.

They were most impressed and she assured all of their complete support for this Seaholme project.

## 1sts CRICKET

In the match Seaholme v Glen Devon, Tony Paone hit up a fine innings of 90 n.o., with Wayne Gardner 38. Tony and Wayne put on a record partnership of 121. Tony bowled the best with figures of 4-33. Seaholme's total of 4-151 is a record.

Scores Seaholme 4-151 defeated Glen Devon 9-78. Seaholme 2nds v Glen Devon

2nds:—

Seaholme lost the toss and batted first. Mark Jackson was the best batsman with 30 runs. David Pratt was the best bowler 4-20. David bowled 2 middle stumpers. Ken Smith bowled 3-20. It was an exciting game all the way but Glen Devon topped Seaholme, Glen Devon 10-88, Seaholme 10-76.

## 1st SOFTBALL

Seaholme v Glen Devon:— Seaholme 18 defeated Glen Devon 13. Best batter: Leanne

## JUNIOR HOCKEY PREMIERSHIP

Altona Cup Junior Carnival has been set for Sunday, May 5. This is the day that Grant Reserve swarms with some 200 young hockey players, competing for trophies in the Altona club's junior lightning premiership.

Some years ago the Altona Club conceived the idea for an open-age lightning premiership. This was run during the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

However as the carnival became so popular more grounds were needed that were available at Altona. It was then that the Victorian Amateur Hockey Association, who controlled the ground facilities at Elsternwick Park, took over the administration of the annual carnival. As a consolation to the Altona Club they called the main trophy the Altona Cup.

However Altona not being satisfied with this decided to organise a Junior carnival. This too, has been a great success.

Due no doubt to the efforts of the hockey club executive and to the wonderful work of the ladies auxiliary who handle the catering arrangements.

Presentation of trophies is usually performed by a Shire Councillor and over the years these Councillors have expressed thanks to the Club for providing such a healthy competition outlet for youthful energies.

The date is usually the first Sunday in May, a clash of dates with the open-age carnival being avoided, so that advanced junior players may take part in both carnivals.

Dates to remember:— Country hockey carnival — Easter (12th-15th April). Junior Season starts — Saturday, April 6. Senior Season starts — Saturday, April 20.

Webb. Best fielders: Merja, Vicki Hayes and Patricia Mc Cormick

Both Seaholme and Glen Devon had an enjoyable afternoon. After the match both teams played a social game.

S. Piper played well for her first game with the first IX.

In the softball 2nds Glen Devon defeated Seaholme, by 31 to 21. Susan Cotter played well for the team.

## OBITUARY

Mrs. May Augusta Thorpe, an Altona resident for nearly 50 years and before that a regular holiday visitor to the district since 1900, died on March 11 after a short illness, aged 88 years.

Several falls in the last 18 months had confined her to her home and she had been a patient in Williamstown Hospital.

When Mrs. Thorpe first came to Altona, she camped with her family on the site of the Altona District Hospital.

In these days Altona was part of the Chirnside Estate and the ranger of the Estate lived in the Homestead.

Supplies came once each week but were left at the end of the road from Newport—Nellie-st. (now Civic-pde.). No other roads were made.

From Nellie-st. goods were taken by horse and dray over the paddocks and sand to the holiday homes.

All along Queen-st. was sand and ti-tree.

Mrs. Thorpe and her late husband moved in 1919 from North Melbourne to make their home at 92 Queen-st.

This house and the one next door, number 90, had been moved to Altona several years earlier and used as an Army camp hospital for returned soldiers from the First World War. The houses had been brought from the Maribyrnong Army Camp.

Transport for residents in these early days was mainly by horse and four-wheel wagonette.

Six trains ran each day, but the last left the city at 6-30 p.m.

Mrs. Thorpe was concerned with a number of organisations in Altona's early days.

She was an active member of the Baptist Church in the 1920's.

As a member of the Avalon Social Club she helped organise dances held in "Davies Corner"—later known as Parham's corner—and now a vacant block at Esplanade and Pier-st. corner.

She was social secretary of the Altona Cricket Club.

Her husband, a foreman bricklayer, passed away nine years ago and their only child, a son, died at 25 years of age.

After a service at St. Eanswythe's Church of England, Mrs. Thorpe was interred at Williamstown Cemetery.

## CHURCH CRICKET SCORES

### C GRADE

St. Eanswythe's (Altona) team members went home very tired after fielding all day on a lightening fast Henry Turner Reserve. Seddon/Yarraville Congs really showed its strength, being 7/461 at stumps.

Ron Comben made a swash-buckling 176 and was ably supported by Dennis Wheate (84), Des Hammond (61), George Prentice (36 n.o.), Krygger (29 n.o.), Harper (23), Power (20), with Stephenson being the best bowler for the Saints, taking 3/87.

Comben's was by far the best hand seen in the Western Suburbs Protestant Churches Association this season.

St. Eanswythe's still have troubles in store, as David Prentice, another big hitter for the Congs, is still to bat, together with George Manton, who says he is good for 70 or so, as well.

### JUNIOR SOUTH FINAL

Electra-st. Meths No. 1 made 221 last week, and in reply St. Eanswythe's (Altona) were all out for 126 (Brian Garde 53, Harrison 18, with Peter McTaggart 4/26 and Max Outen 3/12).

## Altona West State School Sports

In the softball, a sixth innings score of 8 put the Altona team 1 run ahead of the West team in a closely contested match.

A last innings score of 2-0 made a win for Altona West 13-12.

Best players for Altona West were Lesley Clark, Gail Totney and Blanka Matic.

For Altona, Tammy and Sandra.

In the cricket Altona West defeated Altona, in a game highlighted by the batting of Altona West and the excellent fielding by Altona.

Outstanding performances were registered by Paul Jenkins 33 n.o., 3 catches and 7 wickets for 24 runs and Wallace Bryden 33 runs and 3-19.

## LITTLE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

A number of young local athletes were successful at the Little Athletics Centre Championships at Newport last Saturday morning.

The two Altona Clubs—Westona and St. Mary's—entered a number of children in the events.

The Westona members met with great success, having six outright winners including four centre records, eight second placings and five third placings.

The Rohleder family had a field day, winning five events. The winners and placings from the Westona Club were—

### BOYS' UNDER-9

G. Rohleder: 800 metres (record), triple jump first, long jump (record), high jump (2nd) and 100m (3rd).

### BOYS' UNDER-10

B. Dodd: 100m (2nd). J. Clarke: Discus (2nd).

### BOYS' UNDER-11

R. Douglas: High jump (rec.). M. Pacifici: 800m (3rd). C. Dodd: 800m (2nd).

### BOYS' UNDER-12

G. Putkunz: 100m (3rd).

### GIRLS' UNDER-11

G. Rohleder: 100m (1st), long jump (rec.), high jump (2nd), discus (3rd).

### GIRLS' UNDER-12

K. Vanrangelrooy: 100m (2nd), long jump (2nd).

C. Pacifici: High jump (2nd). The following list of members have been selected to compete in the Victorian Championship to be held at Royal Park on April 6 and they will carry the congratulations and best wishes of all the sporting fraternity in Altona—

GIRLS: K. Vanrangelrooy (four events), C. Pacifici, G. Rohleder (six events).

BOYS: G. Putkunz, R. Douglas (four events), M. Pacifici (two events), C. Dodd, P. Herbert, B. Dodd (three events), J. Clark, P. Wilsner, G. Rohleder (five events).

St. Mary's gained four bronze medals.

The children were not to be disgraced as there were eight fourth placings.

The biggest cheer must have been for Yvonne Camilleri, who won heat two of the under-9 girls' 200 metres event.

Unfortunately it is hard for children to realise, that even though they may have won a heat they do not necessarily qualify for a final.

All children qualify on the times they run in their respective heats.

## ACTIVITIES AT ST. EANSWYTHE'S

### LENTEN STUDY GROUP

On Wednesday the first of four weekly discussions sessions begins at the Vicarage at 8.00 p.m.

The subject of these discussions will be "Prayer in the Modern World." The problems in prayer will be looked at realistically, against the background of modern life and attitudes to religion. A definition of prayer will also be sought. It is hard to think of a subject more in need of open and free discussion than prayer, or more central to living the Christian life.

### MOTHERING SUNDAY AND PARISH PICNIC

Next Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent — March 24th — is Mothering Sunday when we remember firstly the Mother of the Lord, then Mother Church and finally our own mothers. Simnel cake will be distributed via children to their mothers — an ancient Mothering Sunday custom.

The family accent will continue with the Parish Picnic after the 9.30 service on this Sunday.

The destination is Blackwood Springs a few hundred yards out of Blackwood. No fresh water is available — take your own — but mineral water will be available. Games and races will be run as usual. If you do not know the way pick up the fleet of cars at the Church at 10.30.

## Service Offered By Altona East Library

The Head Master of Altona East Primary School, Mr. C. G. Duffy and all his staff wish to thank the staff of the Altona East Public Library for their friendly help, advice, patience and understanding when each day a number of grades of children and their teachers avail themselves of the library's services.

Altona East Public Library offers an educational and recreational need in the community of North and East and has been greatly appreciated by all

school children of this and other schools in the district.

## ALTONA EAST SPORTING RESULTS

Last Thursday Newport 1st Cricket team all out for 67 runs, defeated Altona East 51. Best players Joe Herman and Peter Gaiton.

In the cricket 2nds Altona East 48 runs defeated Newport 12 runs.

In the Softball 1st Altona East 58, defeated Newport 3. Best players were Christine Doherty and Deborah Baxter.

In the 2nd softball team Altona East 55, defeated Newport 27.

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## FLASHING LIGHTS NEEDED

Flashing traffic lights are needed at the intersection of Blackshaws Rd., and Mills St., the shire engineer, Mr. R. C. Simmons said today.

He said a traffic count taken on February 4 showed the volume of traffic in both the main street, Blackshaw Rd., and in the side streets, Kyle Rd. and Mills St. did not meet the warrant for full traffic lights.

However, the traffic volume was such that the required warrant for flashing red and flashing amber signs was met.

Further, the number of reported accidents at the intersection warrants the installation of flashing signals.

In the period from February to September, 1966, there were 8 accidents. Of these, 5 involved a vehicle entering the intersection from Kyle Rd. being struck by a vehicle travelling westerly along Blackshaws Rd.

The cost of installing flashing red and flashing amber signals would be approx. \$1,800.

Consideration could be given to the installation of Stop Signs in Kyle Road and in Mills St. near Blackshaws Rd.

Mr. Simmons also said the "standard" pedestrian crossing requires flashing amber lights with illuminated walking leg signs on both sides of the roadway.

In poorly lit areas extra lighting can be incorporated to illuminate the section of roadway at the crossing. This extra lighting involves extra payment for fixtures and annual lighting charges.

"There are three pedestrian crossing with flashing lights in the Shire.

"In Millers Rd., near Clematis Avenue, the area is very well lit with sodium lights and no extra lighting is recommended.

"In Blackshaws Rd., near Begonia Ave., beam lights are located on both sides of the crossing.

"In the Esplanade, opposite the change room in Lee Reserve, no extra lighting has been provided. This crossing is seldom used at night time other than during hot weather. During these periods traffic along the Esplanade should be slow.

"Further, the flashing amber signs are clearly visible to motorists.

"If improved lighting adjacent to the crossing is deemed necessary it is recommended that improved street lighting rather than beam lights at the crossing proper be installed."

## CANBERRA DIARY by Merv Lee, M.H.R. for Lalor

The first day of the sitting last week was taken up with the Governor General's speech, the swearing in of the Prime Minister as a Member of the House of Representatives, and condolence motions to the families of the late Prime Minister, Mr. Holt, and other former Members of Parliament who have died recently.

The following day, business was resumed in earnest with a number of petitions and a good deal of pressure by the Opposition on the new Prime Minister and the newly appointed Minister for the Army, Mr. Lynch. This was followed by the debate on the treatment of the woman prisoner in Vietnam, an isolated incident which is to be deplored and which I sincerely trust will not be repeated.

**STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS**  
We have had our share of industrial unrest in Victoria with in recent months. Strikes and lock-outs are nasty business for both management and employees. The bitterness engendered often lingers on.

So far as postal services are concerned, the community is also directly affected, consequently, I am concerned about a threatened renewal of the postal strike by mail van drivers. We saw what happened earlier in the year. The effects were widespread within the community.

This is the reason why I asked the Postmaster General whether there was any blame attached to the Government or the PMG's Department for the delay in bringing to finality the arbitration hearing concerning the current dispute.

At the time of writing, I understand there is to be a further conference on the matter.

# Council to give \$ for \$ to Local Organisations

Altona Shire Council has decided on a policy to give a dollar-for-dollar subsidy for the capital works of local organisations.

The policy, drawn up by the parks, foreshores and properties committee, has been ratified by the full council.

But every proposition put to the council will still be regarded on its merits.

The policy was drafted after the committee had received two deputations.

One was from the Altona Tennis Club seeking help in building two new tennis courts, and the other was from the Altona Drama Group saying it would not be able to meet the hire charges for the Civic Hall. The Drama Group was represented by Mr. McGuckian, secretary Mrs. Shanks, and president Mr. Marsh.

Mr. McGuckian presented a sheet regarding the use of the Civic Hall and the site for a workshop for the information of the committee and then stated that following advice from the council regarding the use and charges for the hall bookings the group would not be able to meet the proposed charges.

Over the past year the Drama Group had used the hall on approximately 30 Monday nights. All plays presented to the public by the Drama Group cost a lot of money to produce.

Royalties alone on a play amount to approximately \$35. Maintenance of equipment has to be carried out and scenery provided.

Last year the profit made by the Drama Group amounted to \$25.

To date \$250 has been spent on lighting and more equipment is still required.

A balance sheet for the last public performance was presented showing a total income of \$142 and a profit of \$45. If the council had charged hall hire this performance would have run at a considerable loss.

Because there is a considerable amount of scenery and equipment stored in a number of garages and sheds by members of the Drama Group it is necessary to obtain a piece of land on which could be erected a 20ft. x 10ft. shed to house this equipment and also to be used as a workshop where members of the group can prepare scenery and rehearse plays.

Cr. Lee said that the problem the council is faced with is that the loss carried by the council in relation to the Drama Group alone is in the vicinity of \$360 each year. Over all the groups using the hall the loss would be in the vicinity of \$1800 a year.

Mr. McGuckian said that the group only uses the hall on Monday evenings if no other booking has been made. He could see no reason why the hall keeper was required to be in attendance on these Monday evenings.

Cr. Lee said all bookings are to be treated the same, and the hall keeper is required to be in attendance.

Mr. McGuckian pointed out that the council should sponsor groups to the encouragement and promote public interest. Financially, the Drama Group cannot pay for the use of the hall as proposed by the council. In the past the Drama Group has purchased and maintained all its own equipment.

Cr. Lee asked: "Suppose the council granted 40 nights a year to the Drama Group and other groups requested the same?"

Mr. McGuckian replied that this would depend on what night of the week was required by these cultural groups but the Drama Group would be pleased to have any nights.

Mr. McGuckian did admit that the Drama Group would be upset if any other bookings were accepted by the council on a Monday night.

Cr. H. Weaver asked what number of permanent bookings the Drama Group required.

Mr. McGuckian said the only permanent bookings would be during the performances of plays, which would be programmed on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the time for rehearsals and erection of scenery would be carried out at weekends.

Cr. Weaver asked whether the Drama Group intended to use the Civic Hall permanently and always.

Mr. McGuckian replied that in the future the group would like to have its own hall.

Cr. Lee said that many groups have requested the council for land but it was not available.

Mr. McGuckian said the proposed workshop to be erected was 20ft. x 10ft., and not a permanent building, but one which could be dismantled at any time.

Cr. Weaver said there is a hall not occupied at present at the rear of the "Altona Star," which may be suitable for the activities of the Drama Group. Mr. McGuckian agreed that this may be suitable and would be investigated, but the group would still be grateful for anything the council could do to help.

Cr. Lee said that the council is endeavouring to obtain from each group using the hall a minimum requirement for bookings during the year and perhaps after this is ascertained more nights could be available for the drama group.

Also, council is against the erection of a temporary building in the shire as they tend to become permanent.

Mr. McGuckian said that the Drama Group would be agreeable to the council drawing up an agreement where if the council required the proposed workshop to be dismantled and removed at a moment's notice, this could be carried out.

The committee then passed the following recommendations:

"In future every application by local organisations and clubs be dealt with on its merits, but generally it be council policy to grant a dollar-for-dollar subsidy towards capital works.

"That the finance committee be requested to keep under surveillance a proposal to construct a subsidy building to house various cultural groups on land adjoining the bowling club.

"The present policy regarding bookings by cultural groups of the Civic Hall still stands, however, in relation to the Drama Group, due to the low number of bookings by other organisations, that for the forthcoming year a further 12 nights between Monday and Wednesday be granted free of charge under the usual conditions, that if some other booking is required on these nights the Drama Group booking lapses, and the Drama Group requested to make a fresh application on the above basis."

## ALTONA NORTH TECH. SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

The outstanding performer by Robin MacLellan, captain of Green House at Altona North Technical School helped the House score a run-away victory at the Inter-House Sports at Olympic Park on March 8.

MacLellan won all the individual open events—the backstroke in record time—and gained a first and second in the medley and freestyle events.

House results were—Green House 405 points, Blue House 297, Gold House 292 and Red House 176.

Other swimmers of note were—Gary Walsh, also of Green House, who gained four first places including the freestyle relay.

Colin Mead, of Gold House, won three first places in the Under-15 section, whilst Don Moon (Green House) showed his superiority in the Under-14 events by gaining four first places.

These outstanding swimmers, together with other first place-getters, will comprise the team to represent Altona North Technical School in A Section at the inter-technical swimming carnival to be held at the Olympic Pool on Wednesday, April 10, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Winners of all events are listed hereunder (Gr—Green House, B—Blue House, Go—Gold House, R—Red House)—

**UNDER-12**  
50 metres Freestyle: P. Moon (Gr); 50m Breaststroke: G. Barnes (Gr); 50m Backstroke: S. McVeigh (B); 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay: Gold House (R. Clifford, B. Arnold, A. Moore, A. Holt).

## News Around Town

First, Second, Third and Fourth Aves., south of Mason St., Hendren Ave and Hobbs St. east of Fifth Ave., Ronald Ave. and Windsor Cres., north of McIntosh Road — Private St. scheme No. 95:

Levelling of nature strips is nearing completion.

Purnell St., Robin St., Emu Ave., Lark St., Kookaburra St., Somers Pde., Cobham St., Finch St., and Bell Ave. — Private St. Scheme No. 94:

Final surfacing with bituminous concrete was completed. Freemans Rd.:

Construction of kerb and channelling and spreading and consolidation of F.C.R. for the first layer of intermediate course in the section of Freemans Rd. north of the proposed Lower Yarra Crossing Freeway was completed.

Spreading of bituminous treated F.C.R. for the second layer of the intermediate course is almost completed.

Millers Road — Divided Roadways:

Spreading of cement stabilised F.C.R. for the first layer of the base course was completed in Millers Road south of Kororoit Creek Rd. and along the south side of Kororoit Crk. Rd. adjacent to P.R.A. Administrative Block.

The construction of concrete kerb and channelling and concrete kerbing is in progress. Excavation of the road bed and spreading of metal for the base course at the north-west corner of the Millers Rd. — Kororoit Crk. Rd. intersection is nearing completion.

The laying of an underground drain along the west side of Millers Rd. north of the intersection is in progress.

Millers Rd. bridge:..... The Contractor has completed foundation work at the northern abutment, at Pier 1, at Piers 3 and 4 (which involved concrete pipe cylinders) and at Pier 5 (which involved the driving of concrete piles).

Columns were completed at Piers 1 and 4 and the driving of piles for Pier 6 was partly completed.

Progress is very satisfactory.

**Underground Drains:**  
The laying of underground drains along both sides of Cowra St. was completed.

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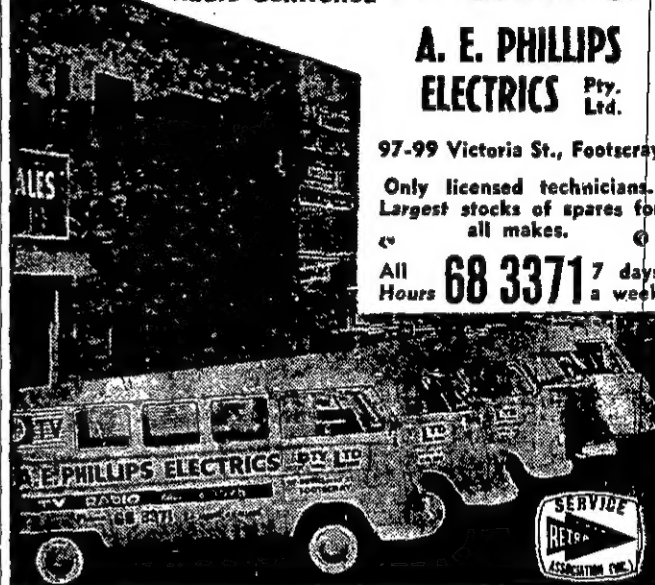
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# Letters to the Editor

### ALTONA PRESIDENT ISSUES CHALLENGE ON "THE MYTH"

Dear Sir,

It would appear from the remarks of Mr. Mildenhall, published in the "Star" of March 14, that the "Prince of Knockers" hasn't lost any of his literary venom.

Normally I would refrain from replying to his "hallucinations," but, on this occasion, Mildenhall has outdone even himself, by inferring that he has been the financial adviser to myself and other Labor councillors over the past two years. I do not begrudge this hour of self-glorification, so earnestly worked for by our fanatical opponent, with his malignant hatred of anything tainted with Labor, but I cannot continue to allow his attempts to deceive the people of this community.

As one of the anti-Labor letter writing brigade, Mr. Mildenhall has done all in his power to propagate a "myth" claiming for his group in council sole credit for reducing the deficit in the council's finances. It is my duty to put an end to this falsity, which was part of an unscrupulous campaign of distorted facts and of character assassination, which did succeed in electoral victory, but at the price of political integrity.

Space does not permit me to deal with all of the issues, to which I am at variance with. I shall merely deal with the current one, the myth. During the preparations of the estimates for 1966-67, it was Labor councillors who rejected the finance committee recommendation for a 14c rate in the \$1. It was again Labor councillors who pruned the expenditure to reduce the proposed rate to 13.5c, thereby paying the way for the reduced deficit, and incidentally was still the lowest rate in the Western Suburbs.

Cr. Crofts' contribution was to steadfastly hold to his electoral promise of no increase, but was unable to significantly make any suggestions on how this might be achieved, in spite of his claims to be able to do so.

Then at the council meeting to confirm the rate, Cr. Crofts would not debate the issue, because he was unable to, but cast his vote in opposition, so that his party could gain the electoral advantage they so desperately wanted.

Then Cr. Crofts was given the wonderful opportunity to show his superior ability, when made chairman of the finance committee for presenting the estimates for 1967-68. Cr. Crofts, in presenting the budget for 1967-68, endorsed the rate he previously opposed, by moving the same 13.5c rate as previous. The record of that committee shows also that the majority of propositions put forward for better financial control came from the Labor members, and not Cr. Crofts.

As Cr. Crofts' four other anti-Labor colleagues did not enter council until after the adoption of the present estimates, they can hardly be congratulated for their financial prowess as Mr. Mildenhall has attempted to do.

To put an end to this myth once and for all I hereby challenge Mr. Mildenhall to examine with me (on any night he chooses, except a council night) the complete records of the council, with the Editor of the "Star" and a senior council officer as joint referees, to determine beyond question, the validity of his claims.

I can tolerate the criticisms levelled at me personally no matter how unjustly, but I refuse to tolerate, any longer, the deliberate attempts to deceive the community, to satisfy the political ambitions of a minority, but well organised group, whose latest selfish actions in holding back city status for Altona is but a sample of the unfortunate things to come.

Cr. H. W. LEE.

### SHIRE IMPLIES RURAL TOWN

Dear Sir,

Firstly, I would like to say a few words on Mr. Mildenhall's letter (14/3/1968).

I ignored his letter in the "Altona Star" just before the Christmas break because all roosters learning to crow make queer noises and I hoped that he would improve.

"Alas" for my hopes!

### PRESIDENT OUT OF ORDER AT COUNCIL MEETING

Dear Sir,

The "Star" is to be congratulated on its factual report of the last council meeting and particularly of the debate concerning the alteration of the shire's status to that of a city.

However, there were certain undertones which I feel should be brought to the surface. The main thing of course was that my loquacious friend, Cr. Lee, monopolised the debate although he neither moved nor seconded the motion. I timed him for 25 minutes and he went on for a good deal longer than that.

As usual his main theme was an attack on any one who dared oppose him, and after all his talk he brought nothing into the debate that was new.

It would be interesting to know if the notes to which he constantly referred had been prepared by himself or by someone else not present on that night.

I have never heard a speaker get further away from the subject under debate and the whole thing was obviously a well thought out but badly presented "I Like Lee" policy speech.

Of course Lee's taking part in the debate as he did was completely out of order. Anyone with even a fleeting knowledge of Parliamentary Rules of Debate or Standing Orders would know that before a chairman may take part in a debate on a motion before the chair he must appoint a deputy and vacate the chair. Otherwise if a point of order is raised, who is to give a ruling? If the chairman is also the speaker the answer is obvious.

All this of course was in keeping with the general conduct of the meeting.

I was amazed to hear the chairman move a motion without leaving the chair. I would also point out that the majority of motions put to the meeting for voting was done incorrectly. If our president believes (and he apparently does) that these things are unimportant and that Rafferty's Rules are good enough one must wonder how often Rafferty's Rules have applied to other things in the past.

One other matter that intrigued me was that despite a council resolution that all organisations using the Civic Hall should pay for it Cr. Lee moved (from the chair) that an aboriginal organisation be given free use of the hall. One wonders why the sudden change of pace when I understand that some time ago Lee strongly and successfully opposed letting the Red Cross have free use of the hall.

Is one organisation more or less worthy than the other?

The meeting of course had its lighter side and it was quite amusing to hear both Crs. Lee and den Dulk quoting the Minister of Local Government, Mr. Hamer. Mr. Hamer said this, Mr. Hamer said that. Probably the first and last time they have said something nice about a Liberal.

Finally, Cr. den Dulk said that "95% of the ratepayers were in favour of the change" (and these words were quoted in a section of the press). To get these figures he must have gone to every ratepayer and I know that from my inquiries, and they have been numerous, the figure would be a long long way below 95%.

I wonder is Cr. den Dulk prepared to sign an affidavit on these figures?

Yours faithfully,

A. E. MILDENHALL.

Before reading his letters one can guess what the contents will be. He uses the word dogmatic as though he was trying to be insulting, but as the meaning of dogmatic is positive and confident in opinion, I am happy to be called dogmatic.

Secondly, I would, as an Altona citizen, like to see the town I've watched grow all these years become a city. The word shire gives people who do not know Altona a mental picture of some little rural town.

Yours faithfully,

VERA V. WELLS.

### CITY OR SHIRE?

Dear Sir,

If my memory serves me correctly, Altona had the necessary qualifications to become a city when it separated from Werribee.

Those who sponsored that move decided against it for a number of good reasons which were enumerated at the time.

After 10 years of solid progress as a shire I am at a loss to understand why it has suddenly become urgent to change our status to a city.

The Labor councillors who are promoting this, have so far given no reasons why it should take place immediately. They appear to be far more interested in hurling abuse at their opponents than in advancing solid arguments to support the necessity of making the change now.

It is arrant nonsense to say that the debt inherited from Werribee prevented the change being made earlier. That sum is "pin money" compared with the debt built up by a succession of Labor councils.

It is likewise ridiculous to expect that a change in title will solve all our problems including a supposed shortage of teachers and will induce hundreds of people to flock to Altona to live.

Now that the issue has been raised it would be pertinent to thoroughly investigate the matter in a calm, complete and unhurried way so that councillors and ratepayers will thoroughly understand the whole matter and where they stand and any decision taken is more likely to be the right one.

As the first move the shire secretary's report should be made public as there is no reason why this should remain confidential to the councillors.

After all it is only on official occasions that the title of shire or city is used. To the people as a whole, it is the name Altona which counts and the mere changing of the word which precedes it will not enhance its position one iota unless it is backed by continued progress, sound administration and the genuine interest of everyone in the place in which they live.

Let us look mostly at this part rather than the more superficial part of merely changing the official title.

Yours faithfully,

A. S. WRIGHT.

### Altona Square Dance Club

The foundations really jumped at last Friday night's dance.

A number of visitors from other clubs were welcomed to the Altona Square Dance, and really kept us on our toes. In the end it was the youngsters who collapsed first, leaving the adults to keep the ball rolling.

They say there's no rest for the wicked, well, Barry Atkins and David Hooper were kept busy satisfying our demands for more dances.

"Fraulein, Chewing Gum and Devil Woman", to name just a few of the dances that were requested.

On Monday night, March 25 a group of Altona square dancers will be amongst the crowd at Moorabbin Town Hall to welcome a party of Square-dancers from America. If you would like further information please contact either Barry or David at the Youth Hall this Thursday night.

If on arriving at the Hall Thursday night you cannot see any lights where the dance is usually held, try the door leading into the Gym, and you won't be disappointed.

Remember to keep all your Thursday nights free and promise yourself a load of fun and good healthy entertainment at the Altona Square Dance Club at the Youth Centre, Civic Pde., Altona at 8 p.m.

### ALTONA CAMERA CLUB

... Anyone with a camera problem and who attended last Friday night's meeting, could have chosen any one of several solutions suggested by members, after the problem had been aired.

One comic even suggested throwing the camera off the Pier. The interest in this meeting was sparked off by the request for everyone to bring their cameras, Jim Merrills starting the ball rolling by stating his reasons for choosing his camera.

From there the members carried the discussion along, debating the merits of the 2 1/2 square camera as against the 35 mm., in the wide field open to photographers.

If you consider yourself a budding young spy, then next Friday will be your night. "Copying" or in broader terms, the art of close-up photography will be dealt with by Jim Merrills. The rendezvous is the Homestead, Queen Street, Altona, at 7.30 p.m.

The deadline has been reached for the "Portrait" entries as they must be handed to the Secretary on Friday, Mar. 22 also.

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## The Social Whirl

If you have any news of a birthday, engagement, wedding, or social event, it can be included in these pages. Phone 65-8277—there is no charge.

### Church to Hold a Community Service

The Rev. John B. Lawley, Vicar, Church of St. Eanswythe, Altona, said today a community service will be held on April 7 at 9.30 a.m. to acknowledge civic and industrial work.

Such work will be remembered and prayed for and gifts of harvest produce received for distribution to Anglican Welfare Agencies.

The Vicar and Vestry of St. Eanswythe have invited the Shire President to read the first lesson and a representative of industry to read the second lesson.

### Altona Primary Mothers' Club

A Beetle afternoon will be held at the "Homestead", Queen St., on Thursday, Mar. 28, at 1.30 p.m. Admission 30c.

The next meeting of the Mothers Club will be held at the school on Wednesday, April 3 at 1.15 p.m. The meeting will be followed by a Wig Party at 2 p.m. All welcome.

Members of the Mothers Club to bring a plate of afternoon tea to both functions.

Twenty five members attended the annual meeting on March 6 and the following office bearers were elected for the year 1968-69.

President:—  
Mrs. E. Woodhead.  
Vice-Presidents:—  
Mrs. V. Scott,  
Mrs. J. Klampfl.  
Secretary:—  
Mrs. L. Danger.  
Assistant Secretary:—  
Mrs. T. Dyer.  
Treasurer:—  
Mrs. L. Booth.

### Petra Jewellery Demonstration

A Petra jewellery demonstration will be held at Altona Baptist Play Centre, Sargood Street, at 10 a.m.

Admission 25c, cup of tea will be served.

The demonstration includes a talk on interesting facts about gem stones, location of stones in the rough and methods of fashioning them into jewellery.

For further information contact the Secretary of the Mothers' Club Committee, Mrs. Middleton, 398 1299.

### Long Bush Trek After Kayak Upset

Two Altona Youth Club members, bare footed and dressed only in shorts, walked an arduous seven miles through rough bush country last Saturday after being thrown from their kayak into the swiftly flowing Goulburn River.

Max Baldwin a club leader and Danny Collins were paddling their kayak about 5 miles down river from Yea when it hit a log and was ripped apart. The brand-new \$240 kayak was a complete loss.

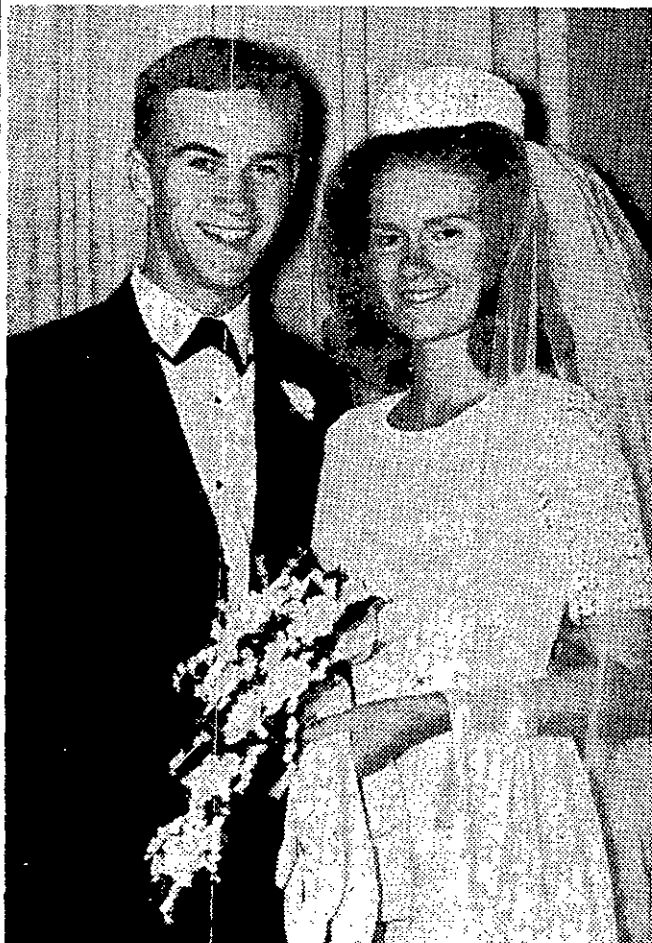
The strong current tore off the singlets and shoes being worn by the youths.

But they were able to swim to the river bank and commence the gruelling trek back to their car.

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### KERSEY-PATTERSON MARRIAGE



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Rings were exchanged at the wedding of Roger Charles Kersey and Elaine Elizabeth Patterson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Patterson, of 85 Grieve Highway, Altona, at Wesley Church, Lonsdale-st., Melbourne, last Saturday.

The bride wore an Empire-line gown of crepe with guipure lace sleeves, and a matching pill-box head-dress held her triple-tiered veil. She carried a bouquet of gardenias and lily of the valley.

The bride's attendants were Mrs. Judith Blake, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Lynette Hansen. They wore lemon crepe frocks with lace sleeves and carried bouquets of white carnations with lemon ribbons.

The groom, who is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kersey, of 14 Neal-crt., Altona North, had as best man Mr. W. Blake with Mr. W. Dewhurst as groomsmen.

The bride's mother chose a natural silk ensemble with caramel accessories.

The groom's mother wore a suit of burnt orange raw silk with black accessories.

The reception was held at the Federal Hotel, Melbourne.

For her going away outfit the bride had on an aqua silk shantung ensemble with navy accessories.

The couple are honeymooning in Surfers Paradise.

### BROWNIE LEADER RETIRES

After 11 years service Mrs. Eva Bright of Civic Parade, Altona has retired from the 1st Altona Brownie Pack. She held the warrant of Brown Owl with this pack for the past 5 years, and prior to that carried out the duties of Tawny Owl.

Many young ladies today will remember her as their Brownie Leader and many will have happy memories of their times with her and Brownies.

### Altona West State School Meeting

Elected to the Committee of the Altona West Primary School at the annual meeting held on March 18 were:—

Chairman: Mr. G. Nevitt, Vice-Chairman: Mr. R. Swift, Secretary: Mr. W. Haining, Treasurer: Mr. A. Heriot, Committee: Mrs. E. Chisholm, Messrs. J. Franklin, K. O'Donoghue, J. Glashan, J. Hudson, A. Murray, J. Mason.

Special thanks were extended to retiring members—Mrs. M. Grieve, Messrs. J. Merrills and W. Eden, and to the Head Teacher, Mr. J. Rutherford and teaching staff for their efforts in lifting the school to its present high standard.

Two new teachers have been added to the staff. Mrs. Fulton and Miss Myskow. The school is at present in the happy position of having adequate teachers for the 580 pupils enrolled but a temporary classroom which has been promised is badly needed.

Parents are asked to keep Wednesday, April 10 free as a parents-teacher night is to be held starting at 7 p.m.

### Local Girl Passes Midwifery Exams

Kathleen Eaton of 39 Purnell Street, Altona passed her Midwifery State Examinations held recently at the Footscray and District Hospital School of Nursing.

### Altona West Kinder. Meeting

The new committee for the year 1968 will be:

Mrs. A. Johns (President) Mrs. D. Middleton (Secretary) and Mrs. F. Burrows (Treasurer).

The committee would like to say thank you to the ladies who occupied these offices last year. Mrs. G. Graham, Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. W. Hartley for the fine work they did. The committee is looking for even more support this year than last.

### School to Hold an Italian Luncheon

Altona West State School Mothers' Club is holding an Italian luncheon at the home of Mrs. Santilippo, 6 Dove Ave. Altona on Wednesday, March 27 at 12 noon.

Ladies coming to this function are asked to ring Mrs. Haining at 65 8353. Donation 50 cents.

### NEW SCHOOL CROSSING

A school crossing has been provided for the Altona West Primary School in Belmar Ave., just outside the school front gate.

### BROOKLYN WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Annual Meeting of the Brooklyn West Mothers' Club was held at the School on Tuesday, March 5.

Office bearers elected are:

President: Mrs. D. M. Kidd.  
Secretary: Mrs. M. De Jong.  
Treasurer: Mrs. K. Cameron.

The Mothers' Club meetings are held on the first Tuesday each month at 1.30 p.m. at the school. All interested mothers are invited to attend.

### FETE WITH A DIFFERENCE

Saturday, April 6 will be a great day for the whole family at the Footscray Hospital Annual Fete and garden party.

There will be more than 16 stalls selling everything from jam to clothes, fruit and groceries, novelties and ball point pens! It will open at 1 p.m. p.m.

This can be a real family day, while Mum and Dad do some bargain buying from the stalls, there will be lots to interest the youngsters. A Pet Show with Rosemary Margan, Channel 9 weather girl and Miss Footscray helping with the judging of this, which starts at 12.30 p.m.

The youngsters will also have (and this is a first) pony rides, plus merry-go-round, carnival train and a host of other interesting things.

Senior citizens may win some very valuable and worthwhile prizes. Then there's spinning wheels and afternoon tea. A pie stall, and finally a Teenage Frock Competition which offers a free Gold Coast Holiday for the winner and a chapone — flown by Ansett-A.N.A. The parade of frocks and winner will be announced at 3.30 p.m.

The organisation of the Fete — Hospital Helpers Organisation will also launch their Car Raffle.

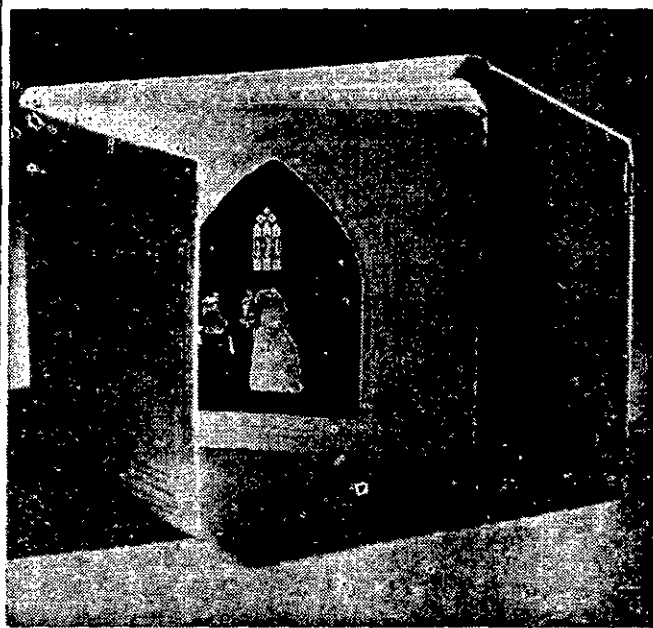
### C.W.A. ANNUAL PICNIC

Williamstown and Kingsville branches are combining with the Altona branch of the Country Women's Association for transport to the Group Annual Picnic at Frankston next Monday, March 25.

Ladies going to the picnic are advised that the bus leaves from the Williamstown RSL Hall at 9.15 a.m. and will pick up passengers en route via Civic-pde., Maidstone-st., Blyth-st., and Millers-rd.

### ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced with pleasure of Antonia, youngest daughter of Mrs. V. Artmonow of 69 Macedon Rd, Sunbury, and the late Mr. G. Artmonow to Robert Bruce, second son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Johnstone of 48 May Street, Altona North.



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## Altona Tennis Club Teams

**MATCH REPORT — SAT. 16th MARCH**

After the first Semi, Altona Juniors have 3 teams left in. Boys No. 1 into the grand final also.

Girls No. 1 in Section 3. Girls No. 2 Section 3 play next Saturday for the right to challenge Girls No. 1.

Of the other two teams, Girls No. 1 section were very unlucky to be beaten by Rosamond by one game, after four very close sets.

Boys No. 2 were also eliminated by Liston Esplanade after finishing 3rd to Liston's 4th place on the ladder.

**JUNIOR TEAM FOR PRELIM. FINAL, MAR 23**

**Girls Section 3 —**  
Altona No. 2 v Kingsville at Spotswood.

Y. Robertson, L. Hyde, D. Crofts, J. Wise, Emerg.: J. Players unavailable notify emergency and C. Trickey, 12 David Street, 65 8746.

**Boys No. 1 Section —**

J. Trickey, R. Snowling, G. Wood, C. Sutton are required at Altona Courts at 7 a.m. on this day to prepare courts for match.

## ALTONA LADIES HOCKEY CLUB

Following the recent election, new office bearers are:—

President — Carol Relf.

Vice-President — V. Wing.

Secretary — M. Ducker.

Treasurer — K. Smith.

Training is on Saturday afternoon, at 2.00 p.m. New members invited to attend; for information ring 314 5775.

Liston Esplanade v Youth Club.

**SENIOR TEAMS FOR SUN. MARCH 24**

**A.R.I. v Yarraville at Nelson Place:—**

J. Kelly, M. Kelly, R. Walker, O. Kelly, S. Adcock, G. Gro-nin, Emerg.: C. Trickey, M. Harrington.

**B2 v Diggers at Central —**

J. Trickey, D. White, G. Russell, M. Orchard, S. Morrow, D. Stevenson. Emergencies: K. Walsh, R. Snowling, J. Walker.

## LIFE SAVING CLUB ACTIVITIES

Last Monday week, the Life Saving Club was proud to be able to report that it had a pennant bearer marching with the club banner in the Moon-ba Procession.

The Club Captain, Peter Stokes, marched with 20 other pennant bearers from clubs around Port Phillip Bay, not to be confused with the surf life saving clubs who also had pennant bearers in the parade.

Later in the day, Altona, although having trouble in getting any of their reels into the gardens, did manage to have one member competing in the belt and reel championships with a Hampton reel supplied by Sandringham Life Saving Club and partnered by a South Melbourne runner. This team closely missed out on getting into the final. The eventual winners of this event were Sth. Melbourne.

Some confusion seems to exist about junior training. The nights are as follows:

Monday 7 p.m.: Training up to Bronze Medallion for members already holding their 100 yards certificate.

Wednesday 7 p.m.: Training for members already holding Bronze Medallions and training

for reel and line. Saturday 2 p.m.: Learn to swim classes.

Members are reminded that photographs of the teams qualifying for the Victorian championships are to be taken on Saturday, March 23, at 2 p.m. sharp.

Last Saturday 18 members of the club attended Williams-town Life Saving Club to go for reel and line awards — 16 being bars of the reel and line and two new reel and line awards — Kent Robertson and Colin Meade.

### SPECIAL EFFORT

Results this week were:— 1st: No. 239, Mrs. Kelly. 2nd: No. 145, Y. Nicholls. 3rd: No. 111, W. J. Hopper.

### GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting will be held in the Clubhouse on Tuesday, 26th March, commencing at 7.30 p.m. prompt.

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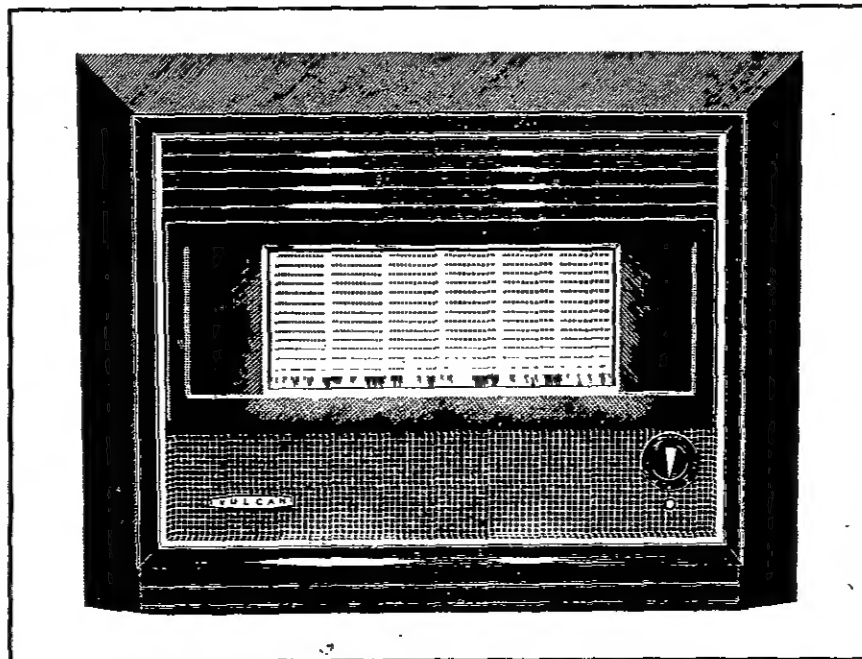
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The kind of vegetables to grow depends mainly on the needs of the household, and their preference for certain kinds, so no positive rule can be laid down on the subject.

No matter what varieties are selected, if vegetables of good quality are to be grown, then the fertiliser must be kept on hand to be used when necessary. No manure gives such good results as a good dressing of stable manure. It may be dug into the ground in autumn or winter in a half decayed condition, if applied in spring or summer it should be thoroughly rotted before use. Many home gardeners have to rely on chemical fertilisers.

Vegetables assimilate various substances from the soil. For instance, those which develop mainly leaf growth, such as lettuce, spinach and cabbage, benefit mostly from nitrogenous manures, such as nitrate of soda and sulphate of ammonia.

Vegetables grown for the value of their roots such as carrots and potatoes, need chiefly potassic manure and those cultivated for their fruits, such as tomatoes, peas and beans, need phosphatic manures in the form of superphosphate and bone dust.

No vegetable can be grown to perfection unless it receives ample moisture throughout its growing period. Water well be-

fore preparing the surface finally for sowing and lightly water after sowing.

In hot weather water lightly once or more each day with a fine spray until the seedlings are about one inch high.

In cool weather keep the surface moist with less frequent waterings. When the plants are firmly established, water heavily twice a week, rather than by daily light sprinkling.

Most crops are better watered by a furrow than a springler, especially lettuce in the cool months.

The vegetable garden needs more water than the flower garden to keep it in vigorous growth.

As the same kind of crop should not be grown year after year on the same piece of ground, to obtain the best results, different varieties should be grown in rotation.

The following rules will be found to work well in practice—Plants of the natural order should not succeed each other, such as a crop of cauliflower after cabbage or parsnip after carrot.

Crops which occupy the same piece of ground for several years, such as asparagus, should be succeeded by others of short duration such as lettuce or cabbage.

## SUNSHINE WINS NOORDENNE CUP

On Saturday at Kim Reserve, Sunshine City, for the third consecutive year, won the Western Suburbs Trophy, the Noordenne Cup, by defeating Altona 3-0.

A large crowd turned up to see the final, the warm weather made it hard for both teams, but it was fast and furious in the first 10 minutes.

Balish and Vanderpoel were inclined to over kick and poor old Steve Herman was chasing shadows as the strong wind carried the ball through to the Sunshine goalkeeper.

Jim Black had a great try to head a goal, but he missed by a whisker.

Sunshine looked dangerous. Grecco, Milloy and Karamatos were glad to give away corner kicks to keep their goal intact.

The Altona forwards never got going. Billy Coles and "Prof." Wilkie were out of touch and David Cook was always in too big a hurry. The Maroons, despite all their pressure, never looked like scoring.

Then came the tragedy for Altona. With only one minute of the first half to go the referee awarded a penalty to Sunshine. Ian Roberts made a valiant attempt to stop it, but it was a goal as the whistle sounded for the interval.

In the second half Altona had to play against this strong breeze and Sunshine roared into attack and delivered the knockout punch before Altona could settle down. A great shot flashed past the diving Roberts and the locals were two down.

Sunshine was out for more goals, but Ian Roberts had different ideas. Like plucking apples off a tree he pulled in shots from all angles.

Grecco was trying to get Altona going and slowly but surely Balish and Herman combined. Cook, Wilkie and Coles woke up and at long last they looked like a team.

Coles raced down the wing, flashed across a low ball, Black missed it and Wilkie cracked it back across goals, but there were no Maroons around to push it home.

## TABLE TENNIS FINALS OVER

The C Grade final was a contest between two even sides. Polonia, whose players come from the Brooklyn area, were represented by C. Bobich, B. Lukasik, K. Lubowiecki, C. Battaglia, Grieve Highway (Altona) included N. Wynn, G. Lewis, J. Beier, and E. Milner.

In an even encounter, Grieve surged to the front at 4-3, but could not maintain the pace. Polonia, aided by a flawless exhibition by Bogdan Lukasiuk won the next three rubbers in fine style and took out the premiership 6-12-419 to 4-11-417. At this stage there was only two points difference overall between the two teams!

Grieve Highway second team, in C2, made amends for their senior team's lapse. R. Cook, D. Courchier, L. Cumming, for Grieve, had an easy path to victory over Ampol Petroleum, and won the flag at 6-3. Ampol, who had a successful season up to the final stage, were represented by A. Maxwell, W. Stafrace, E. Hancock, E. Beani, with Reserves J. Welsh and J. Pleydell.

Such was not the case as Sunshine attacked. In raced their inside left and it was Sunshine's Cup 3-0.

Mr. L. C. Noordenne presented the Cup and Medals to the winning team.

Altona will need at least two good players if they are to stay in Division 1.

On Saturday Altona play State League team Hakoah at Middle Park. This will be interesting to see how the Maroons fare against one of Australia's top teams.

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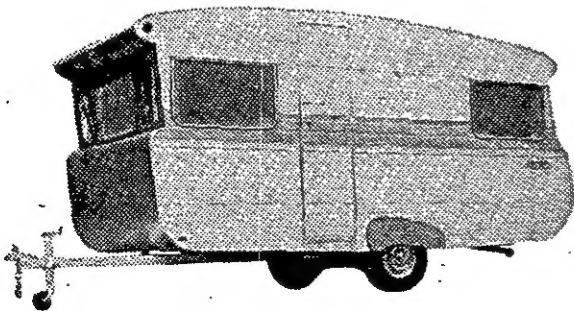
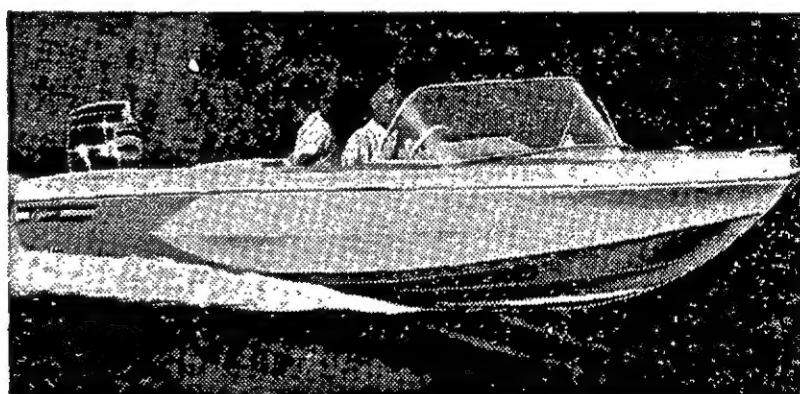
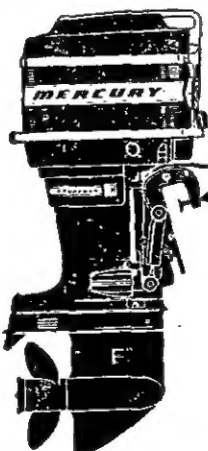
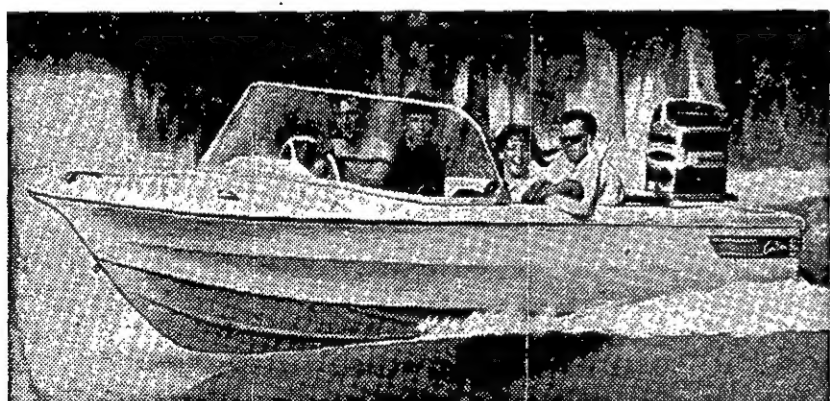
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by  
Ron  
Coleman

## Altona is not a City

NO DOUBT MOST OF YOU ARE MORE THAN SICK OF READING ABOUT POP GROUPS ON THIS PAGE, SO THIS WEEK I HAVE DECIDED TO TALK POLITICS. SHOULD ALTONA BECOME A CITY OR STAY AS A SHIRE?

It is the opinion of some people that there is nothing to stop the Shire of Altona becoming a city. Altona has a good population and the only costs involved would be for changing a few signs and the council's letterhead paper.

But I ask you, will the alteration of a few signs and stationery make Altona a city? Sure, we have parks, gardens, infant welfare centres and dental clinics, but any teenager seeking a weekend's entertainment would find Altona far from being a city.

At the moment the adults are not too badly off. They have the RSL and the Altona Working Men's Club as venues for weekend entertainment.

However, the teenagers have to travel to town or other suburbs if they want recreation because only one hall in Altona is now available for dances and this is booked consistently by various organisations.

Consequently, young people have to pay high prices to go to visit city discotheques and those people aged between 14 and 16 (who are often not allowed to go to Melbourne at night) have to stay in Altona, which is dead at weekends.

Strange though it may seem, I would probably never have stuck my neck out and harped about this subject if I had not visited the "Crossroads" in Sunshine last Saturday night. The "Crossroads"—a young person's paradise—is run by Rev. J. Blacker and the council of Sunshine (Sunshine is a CITY).

For 20c a young person can dance all night to a visiting pop group, watch television and meet other young people in a TV room, play snooker or table soccer, and above all have a good time.

The "Crossroads" is well staffed by red-waistcoated "crowd controlling engineers" who are quick to stop trouble before it starts. And if any trouble does start, the police know where to find it straight away, because everybody who is a member of the Sunshine "IN CROWD" patronises "Crossroads."

The idea of this recreation centre started during the "Mod-Sharpie" era when Sunshine was the scene of several hundred "Savage Sharpies." The council decided that the youth of Sunshine had to have somewhere they could meet and have a good time without tearing each other to pieces.

Consequently, a suitable building was acquired and various organisations gave a lending hand, with the result a well-lit dance floor and stage, dee-jay's studio, soft drink bar, TV room, snooker rooms, etc.

Many people will say this cannot be done in Altona—it will cost too much; the big boys will rough the place up. And no doubt this was said in Sunshine.

The teenage population in Sunshine is much bigger than that in Altona and yet "Crossroads" has been running for at least two years now. No doubt "Crossroads" has had more than its share of trouble, but perseverance has won out for Rev. Blacker and his helpers.

I am not quite sure what the system is at "Crossroads," but the organisers do not run at a loss by any means.

On a Saturday night at least four or five hundred young people pay 20c to enter and everybody there would buy at least one drink for 10c. Visiting groups are paid for their performances and I dare say that the 12 stalwarts are paid for their assistance during the night.

When the band plays, the dance floor is packed and there are at least six adults watching for any trouble. Naturally, no liquor is allowed on the premises and anybody possessing such, is speedily removed.

Top and ground floors are patrolled by supervisors continually and I think this gives most a feeling of security because the patrons are from 14 upwards. If only some of our organisations in Altona could get together and do some fund-raising maybe a building or hall for teenagers could be erected.

A suitable site would be somewhere in the vicinity of the Apex Park where any noise made by pop groups wouldn't be heard by too many neighbours.

All the young people in Altona would have somewhere to go during the winter months, the police would know where everybody was (or nearly everybody) and Altona would be one step closer to being a CITY. A CITY

with a healthy young community rather than a CITY with signs and letterheads.

### LETTER FROM A "HENCHMAN"

On Tuesday I received a long overdue letter from the Henchmen's ex-lead guitarist, Duncan Mackellar, who is studying music in Glasgow, Scotland. Duncan writes—

Dear Ron,  
As an honorary member of "Stars, Saints and Sinners," I feel as if I belong to the "Sinners" category for not having written sooner. However, I have been up to my ears in study since I arrived seven months ago (excuses, excuses).

The trip over was quite eventful. Apart from sailing into the Egyptian-Syrian war, subsequently being detoured around the Cape and nearly having my throat cut in Mombasa, there were some anxious moments (ha, ha).

On account of the detour, which added three weeks to the trip, I was able to do some song-writing. I liked the ship's band so much that I wrote a Bossa Nova for them.

A group of swingers got on at Sydney and after a while we formed our own pop group. Nothing great, you understand, but it was fun.

Don't know about Aussie, but over here the mini-skirt is gradually giving way to the "Maxi" due to the "Bonnie and Clyde" influence. There should be a law against it.

I'll be flying down to London next month (might even go by plane) to sit for an examination at the Royal College of Music, so wish me luck because believe me I'll need it.

The pop groups over here are great. Among my favourites are The Move, The Marmalade, Procol Harum and The Tremblettes. Originality is definitely the key word to success and these groups have proved it. Especially The Move with their latest release, "Fire Brigade."

The Bee Gees as you know had a number one with "Massachusetts" and I thought "World" was as good, but unfortunately this didn't do quite

as well for them here. Their latest record, "Words," is good, too, and I hope it is a seller for them.

Whatever happened to The Twilights, Easybeats, Normie Rowe and Johnny Young? I haven't heard much of them since I've been here.

I read somewhere that the Small Faces had a bit of trouble on their Australian tour. What exactly happened?

I am afraid I haven't given you much news, Ron, however, there may be more next time around.

Chow for Now,

DUNCAN.

### —On the Scene—

I'm tipping that "Penelope" will outsell "Underneath the Arches."

Big question at the moment is: "Will 'Bus Stop' get a permit to operate on Sundays from Mr. Rylah?"

Nex Zealand group, Compulsion, look good on stage, but lack originality.

Brought to Melbourne by Mike Browning, of "Sebastian's," this group is managed by a new entertaining agency called the Uplight Talent Division.

Among groups managed by the Division are James Taylor Move, Procession, Compact and (naturally) the Uplight Fifth Hour. Yes, this agency looks like providing good competition with AMBO and AEE.

For those fans of Madam Applebee who have been getting writers' cramp and worrying the hair out of me for news on the group, here it is:

The boys are currently resident group at Tipsicery, Newport, and their latest gig was at Thumping Tum with the James Taylor Move on Wednesday night. For further news I suggest you contact the President of the Madam Applebee Fan Club, "Annette."

Believe the Devil's Disciples have been getting work around the Newport area lately.

Procession's new record, "Listen," should be a sell-out. Penned by Mick and Trevor, the song was recorded on Bill Armstrong's new eight-track machine at Albert Park. Judging by the sound of the completed version, the Procession used every track to their advantage.

Gary Sweetman, of the Iguana, was interviewed in the "Sportsview Hit Parade" last Saturday when the Iguana's latest release, "California My Way," was previewed.

Pat Aulton certainly did a good job with this record and I am predicting that it will sell well for the Iguana. If you haven't seen the boys sing it yet, I suggest you tune into "UP-TIGHT" on Saturday morning when the boys will be performing "California my Way."

Did you see Brown-Eyed Handsome Jam on the final of Kevin Dennis' "New Faces" on Sunday? They also made a long awaited return to "Crossroads" on Saturday night and knocked 'em out at "Centre's End" last Friday.

Ex-Kommotion Guy, Norm Willison, has landed himself a major supporting role in a film to be shot in Europe inside six months. The film will star Laurence Harvey, Ava Gardner and others. Not content with this, Norma has just released a record.

The Maharishi Mahesh Yogi is to do an American tour with the Beach Boys.

Paul Jones' next record will be a Bee Gee composition. American group, the Electric Prunes, have been engaged for a number of religious functions in the USA.

Here in Australia the Sydney group, Blackie's Babies, have been doing similar work.

While on the subject of religion I should point out that Sydney group, Reverend Black and his Rockin' Vicars, are currently in Melbourne.

Latest movie star to start singing is Robert Mitchum.

Latest group to break the British Scene are The End, who are under the wing of Rolling Stone Bill Wyman.

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If you are interested in joining the fan club of Brown-Eyed Handsome Jam write to "Georgina," C/- 38 Elm-st., Laverton.

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### —DANCES SOON—

"Centre's End" will operate at the Williamstown Life Saving Club on March 29 (Friday night) when guest group will be the Brown-Eyed Handsome Jam.

Watch this page for news of a dance to be held in St. Mary's Hall, Altona, some time in April.

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### GOSSIP

Jimbo will not become a John Mayall sorter after all.

Yvonne is discontented with the transport services to "Bus Stop."

Seen amongst the swingers at "Centre's End" last Friday night were Denise, Herby, Danny, Uncle Ray, John and Owen.

George still has a fuzz box for sale.

Peter of the Iguana has acquired a new bomb.

Pat should remember to unwrap lollies before eating them.

Stewy the Styliser's favourite record is the Platters' single "With This Ring."

Ian is quite proud of his red mini.

Jackie of "Crossroads" was sporting an ankle length maxi skirt last Saturday night.

Nashville Noel is definitely a stirrer.

Bonga would like it known that he won the Bulldogging at Geelong Rodeo recently.

Haven't seen "Slippery Catchpole" around the Shows lately.

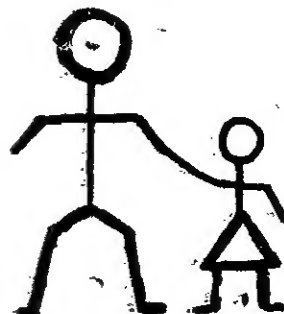
Wayne, Percy and George have plans for overseas.

Gayle is going to school again. Noel Raffi has the Beatles' record if you want a loan of it.

Nearly forgot to give the "Surfing In-Crowd" a mention. Geoff Cresser, Austin Malloy and Max Nicholls embarked upon their tour of Australia on March 13, arriving at Mildura at 4 a.m. on the next day.

However, after discovering they were not cut out for circus work the trio left Mildura to go peach picking at Griffiths, New South Wales.

More news later.



This is Ross Ford's impression of Throb and girlfriend. Keep the good work up, Ross. One day you might be good enough to work at the "Star."

### LETTERS

Dear Mr. Coleman,  
I am writing about the shocking state of transport from Altona to the Werribee dance, "Bus Stop," on Sunday, March 10.

Arriving at Maidstone-st. at 7:40 p.m., myself and three friends waited with some other 30 persons for the arrival of the weekly bus.

When the bus came at 8:05 p.m. it sailed around the corner (probably because it was full) and at 8:45 p.m. nearly everyone, apart from those people who obtained lifts, were still waiting for a second bus which did not come.

Wondering why it hadn't come, I rang the Centenary Hall, but could not reach anyone, so I rang the Laverton Bus Services, only to be told that there would not be a second bus and there was nothing the man could do about it.

Fair enough. I rang Werribee again and the switchboard operator ran over to the hall to ask if the manager could get transport for us.

When she arrived back she said that she had been told that the manager had nothing, not even a truck, to get us there with. And that unless we cared to hitch-hike there, it was just our bad luck.

Seeing as one of my friends was down from Newport for the weekend, another's father in hospital and my own parents away for the weekend, there was no one to take us. So at 9:10 p.m. we walked home feeling rotten after looking forward to seeing Lynne Randell and three other groups.

Don't you think that with Monday a holiday and knowing that a lot more teenagers would be allowed to go to the dance, because of no school, that "Bus Stop's" manager could have provided an extra bus?

The driver of the Laverton bus could have told the manager that there was still another bus load of teenagers at Altona and something might have been done in the way of another bus.

After reading this would you print a piece in your next issue of "Stars, Saints and Sinners" and perhaps someone from Werribee will read it and the next long weekend we might get an extra bus.

Thanking you,

"A member of 'Stars, Saints and Sinners' and a fan of 'Bus Stop' and the Iguana."

Ron's Note: Up until Lynne Randell's performance at "Bus Stop," the crowds had been down owing to the hot weather and this would have been the reason for the shortage of buses. However, I will mention the matter to "Bus Stop's" manager, Mike Barnett.

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### ENTERTAINMENT

#### Dances

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Sunday — BUS STOP 1, Centenary Hall, Watton-st., Werribee.

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# ALTONA LEADS IN A GRADE FINAL

## T. Gray takes 6 for 21

Altona entered the grand final of the Williams-town, Altona and Footscray District Cricket Association confident of winning after their good victory over West Newport in the semi-final the previous weekend.

Newport ANA captain John Heriot won the toss and had no hesitation in deciding to bat under ideal conditions at Fearon Reserve last Saturday.

With 20 runs on the board Bob Dare broke through and claimed the first wicket for Altona. This was followed immediately by Jack Dellar removing the other opening batsman.

Evan Rowe and John Heriot began to look dangerous until a bowling change by Altona captain John Cooney brought Terry Gray into the attack. This move was immediately successful when in Terry's second over Evan Rowe was out to a good catch by Bob McLeod. This was followed three balls later by John Moore being clean bowled.

At this stage ANA were 4/57 with Heriot 20 not out.

Terry Gray began his fourth over sensationally when with the first two balls he removed Robin Rowe and Dalrymple. More sensations were to follow with wickets falling on the fifth and eighth balls. Thus Terry's figures read four overs, three maidens, six wickets for two runs, a tremendous performance.

ANA, after having been 2/57, were eventually all out for 105 and Altona had the opportunity to establish a good first innings lead.

Unfortunately, Altona once again failed to get a good start and at afternoon tea had Frank Thomas and McLeod back in the pavilion with only 22 runs on the board.

Immediately after tea Cooney attacked the bowling and pushed the score along to 53 before being caught in slips. He was quickly followed by Bill Bibby and Barry Critchley and Altona were in trouble at 5/78.

Jim Page at this stage was batting well and was unfortunate to be run out with the score at 97.

The remaining four wickets fell for only 23 runs and a lead of only 15 runs was not as many as captain John Cooney would have liked.

Altona, however, once again seized the initiative when they captured two valuable ANA wickets during the last hour and a half of play.

This week will more than likely see the conclusion of this game and for Altona to win the players must forget any past poor performances and show more determination; particularly with the bat, as they chase the runs required for victory.

NEWPORT ANA—1st innings:	
WIGNALL, b Dellar	11
McTAGGERT, b Dare	8
E. ROWE, c. b Gray	17
HERIOT, c. b Page	44
MOORE, b Gray	0
R. ROWE, c. b Gray	2
DALRYMPLE, lbw, b Gray	0
HUGHES, b Gray	0
SELF, c. b Gray	0
QUINN, lbw, b Page	10
DUNN, not out	10
Sundries	3

TOTAL: 105  
BOWLING: T. Gray 6/21, J. Page 2/18, J. Dellar 1/21, R. Dare 1/25, M. Calaz 0/17.

ALTONA—1st innings:	
COONEY, c. b Self	35
THOMAS, lbw, b Self	5
McLEOD, c. b Dunne	8
BIBBY, b Self	2
PAGE, run out	32
CRITCHLEY, lbw, b Self	9
HOSKEN, not out	15
DELLAR, b Dunne	2
CALAZ, b Moore	2
DARE, b Dunne	0
GRAY, c. b Moore	4
Sundries	6

TOTAL: 120  
BOWLING: A. Self 4/29, E. Dunn 3/38, J. Moore 2/2, E. Rowe 0/14, W. Hughes 0/31.

## B TURF CHASE A BIG SCORE IN FINAL

Altona B Turf started the grand final off badly by losing the toss and Spotswood Imps. batted first on a perfect wicket.

After the third ball was bowled Ron McCullagh was hit in the groin at leg slip and had to retire from the field.

Two more catches were dropped and Altona were in the doldrums. The only bright spot in Altona's fielding was the effort of Laurie Egan, who kept trying right to the finish of the Spotswood innings.

Altona started off brightly, but then had a bad lapse and were 3/54 at stumps.

The rest of the Altona team will need to concentrate and keep their head down and show their supporters that they have the fighting spirit and ability to get the necessary runs to pull off the grand final. The game is never lost till the last ball is bowled, so keep going lads.

TOTAL: 268  
BOWLING: R. Harrison 4/64, F. Kirk 2/28.

ALTONA—1st innings:	
F. KIRK, stpd.	27
J. JOYCE, c	10
R. GRAY, lbw	4
R. HARRISON, not out	11
P. REID, not out	2
Sundries	0

TOTAL: 3 wickets for 54  
BOWLING: P. Poulier 2/30.

SPOTSWOOD IMPS.—1st innings:	
B. SMART, c	47
R. GLAZNER, c	5
R. REIMERS, c	22
M. LEE, lbw	13
G. REIMERS, lbw	40
E. KEELART, b	11
W. COUCH, c	16
S. KNIGHT, run out	40
A. RAYMER, c	1
T. WOOLFENDEN, b	10
P. POULIER, not out	44
Sundries	10

## C TURF HAVE JOB IN FRONT OF THEM

Altona C Turf lost the toss in this important game and Gellibrand batted first in perfect conditions at Spotswood.

Ross Ford opened for Altona and quickly settled down on a good length and bowled excellently on a wicket that gave little help to the bowler. Ross put down 13 overs on this wicket where runs came easily as the outfield was fast and he finished with the bowling figures of 6/49.

Apart from Ross Ford's bowling the rest of the attack did not perform as well as they have in the past and Gellibrand were allowed to get far too many easy runs, with missed catches and slack fielding.

Gellibrand's score of 166 was nevertheless still not a particularly high one when considering the perfect batting conditions, but the Altona batsmen failed to take advantage of the conditions and could only manage 98 runs. Far too many batsmen spooned up easy catches off the slow bowling of Laurie Davies.

With Gellibrand 2/72 in their second innings, it doesn't look too good for Altona, but the task is still not beyond them, even if they face a score of 300 to win.

This Altona batting side can still get the runs.

The bowling will have to improve on last week, as also the fielding, if this can be done Altona should dismiss Gellibrand with a lead well less than 300 runs.

GELLIBRAND—1st innings:	
HESLOP, b Ford	37
ANDERSON, b Ford	3
L. DAVIES, b Cook	29
CULLINAN, lbw, b Ford	0
D. DAVIES, c. b Ford	0
SMITH, b Cox	8
LAVOY, b Ford	57
SMART, c. b McCudden	0
HAYES, run out	14
RICHARDS, c. b Ford	16
MEACHAN, not out	0
Sundries	2

TOTAL: 166  
BOWLING: R. Ford 6/49, D. Cox 2/46.

ALTONA—1st innings:	
LEWIS, lbw, b Davies	2
MILNER, c. b Davies	23
GRASSBY, b Davies	8
CHALMERS, c. b Davies	19
DUCKETT, c. b Davies	5
ORR, lbw, b Hayes	1
McCUDDEN, c. b Davies	1
COOK, c. b Davies	4
BLOKKEERUS, not out	2
FORD, b Hayes	8
COX, run out	1
Sundries	6

TOTAL: 98  
BOWLING: L. Davies 7/51.

GELLIBRAND—2nd innings:	
ANDERSON, not out	35
HESLOP, c. b Ford	24
CULLINAN, c. b Blokkeerus	8
HAYES, not out	3
Sundries	0

TOTAL: 2 wickets for 72  
BOWLING: J. Blokkeerus 1/7, R. Ford 1/15.

## BOWLS TEAM IN SEMI-FINALS

The only Altona team to win last Saturday was the No. 1 team and in winning has won its Pennant Section.

They will now go to the semi-final with other section winners. They will meet Greythorne at Ormond Park on the 23rd. Those members who cannot be at the match have signified that they wish them good luck and hope they prove to be winners.

Pennant results are as follows:—

No. 1 Team, d Flemington (2) 100-90

McNeilage, Nielsen, R. Don, Mother, 28-23; Whitmore, Watters, J. Douglas, Malloy, 21-24; Buckley, Richardson, Carton, Fisher, 25-21; Stephens, D. Nettleton, Russell, Walsh, 26-22.

No. 2 Team lost to Carlton (3) 93-124

Craig, Williams, L. Cox, Watson, 35-35; Webster, R. Douglas, Hill, Burke, 28-23; Crofts, Probert, B. Harrison, McDonald, 14-33; O'Donnell, Condon, F. Douglas, Flynn, 16-33.

No. 3 Team lost to Williamstown (4) 86-100

Kelly, Carr, Jemmeson, Turner, 11-35; Dart, Frank, Thorneycroft, Inglis, 35-17; Hyde, Paul, Address, Mitchell, 23-28; McKellar, Neal, W. Harrison, Olliver, 17-20.

No. 4 Team were defeated by Moribyrnong Park, 90-95

B. Nicholls, Millichip, Blair, Abberton, 21-16; Clark, Stocker, Cartwright, D. Nicholls, 29-23; Siphthorpe, Swift, Harris, Roach, 16-31; Boorer, Allen, Pugsley, Pilcher, 24-25.

The rink skipped by R. Watson had a score that might prove a record in that seventy points were scored in the 25 end of play, each rink scoring 35 points to play a draw.

Last Sunday was President's Day and some 112 members and associates attended. This day is usually held on a Saturday, but owing to R.V.B.A. Tournaments requiring the green on the arranged day it was held on Sunday.

Two games of Mixed rinks were played and then afternoon tea was served. After the toast for the Queen, Mr. R. Watson, the immediate Past President, proposed a toast to the President Mr. T. Burke.

Mr. Watson praised the diligent work and club efforts Tom has carried out in his period of Presidency and thanked his good wife and family for their kindness in giving so much of Tom's time to the Club.

President Tom then replied to the toast and stated how much he was enjoying his term of office and that he hoped he would be able to continue to be interested in the club as a past President. He also said that he owed much to his wife and family.

The results of the day's competitions were:—

Ditch to Ditch: Ladies, Mrs. E. Olliver, Gents, Mr. S. Pilcher.

Mixed rinks: winners, Mrs. C. Ford, Mr. C. Griffiths, Mrs. E. Olliver and Mr. G. Russell.

Wooden spoons: Dot Neilson, Dot Watson, Arthur Dart and Doug Nettleton

## REHEARSALS HELD BY DRAMA GROUP

Rehearsals for the play "An Inspector Calls" to be presented on April 29 and 30 and May 1, are well under way and indications lead to a high-standard performance.

Meanwhile, Theatre Workshop activities continue on Mondays at the Civic Hall and many interesting aspects of theatre work are studied. Any interested persons are most welcome.

On the Labour Day Weekend, a party of seventeen Drama Group members ventured to Wangaratta for a most enjoyable camping weekend, which included a visit to the Rutherglen Wine Festival.

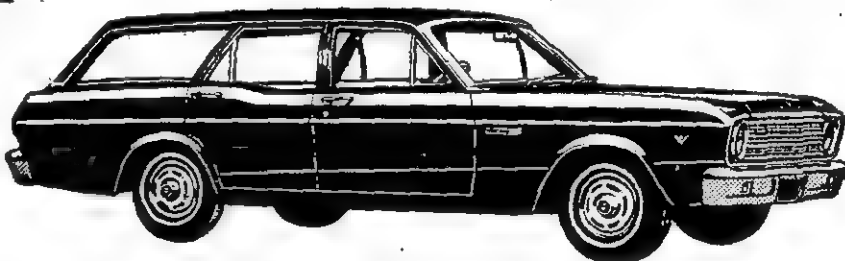
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# COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1968, 8 p.m.

### TALENT QUEST

FIRST HEAT — TABLES MAY BE BOOKED

### CLUB PICNIC

Will be held on SUNDAY, APRIL 7, '68, at the Blackwood Sports Ground, for club members and their families.

Travel to the ground either Own Transport or Bus. All attending are requested to bring own Lunch and Refreshment. Soft Drinks, Sweets, and Ice Cream for the Children will be provided by the Club.

Sporting Events for Adults and Children with Prizes. All persons attending are asked to fill in the form available at the Club by Saturday, March 30, 1968, to enable final arrangements to be made.

### OUTDOOR BOWLS

Club members are advised that a considerable amount of ground work has been covered in providing this additional facility to the club.

What is necessary to progress further is the taking out of necessary shares in the Altona Club Co-operative Society.

Many members have indicated that they are prepared to take out shares, but we still require a certain number more.

This not only pertains to members who are going to take part in the club outdoor bowls—but all members of the club who wish to see the club develop.

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## LEAGUE FORMED TO PROTECT RIGHT OF ACCESS TO WATER AND CROWN LAND

Several local men have joined the Public Reserves Protection League formed only some two years ago with the object of protecting the rights of all Victorians to access and use of all inland waters, coastal beaches, rights of way, mining rights, Crown lands and areas of interest to members.

The foundation president, Mr. L. Minter, a Fellow of the Gemmological Association of Australia, reported at the annual meeting that during the first year a gradual awareness of the necessity of this organisation became evident.

He said areas are continually being cut off to the public.

The League has already made a number of investigations, including the mining rights of Cardinia Creek, the barring of access on the Alpine-rd. at Mt. Baw-Baw, the suspected illegal encroachment by the owner of flats onto public reserves on the Owens River at Bright, the banning of gem hunting on the foreshore of Point Leo and access to some stretches of the Yarra River.

### ANYBODY CAN JOIN LEAGUE

The League's membership includes the Victorian Field and Game Association, the Gemmological Association of Australia, Victorian Branch, Gem Club. Both these exceed 500 members, together with bush-walkers, mountain trampers, field naturalists, gem hunters and anglers.

The League is open to all as individuals or in club groups—membership is unlimited and is for either city or country folk.

Current president is Mr. Ron Smith, of Blyth-st., Altona, and treasurer is Mr. Fin Smith, of Upton-st., Altona.

Mr. Eric McCauley, of Davies-st., and Mr. Bruce Campbell and son of Upton-st. are the other Altona members.

Secretary is Mr. Ken Lloyd, a member of the Victorian Field and Game Association.

### LITTLE BEING DONE TO PRESERVE HERITAGE

In a recent interview Mr. Lloyd said—

There is much being said and written these days about preservation of our wonderful heritage of forest, stream, beach, mountain and lake, and conservation of our unique native fauna.

But little is being actually done by our civic leaders and there are still far too many areas of recreational value to which the public have been denied access by barbed-wire fences and locked gates and antiquated legislation since the last century.

City visitors to rural areas are usually blamed for vandalism and littering of bush and beaches with rubbish and beer cans, etc., but nothing is heard of the destructive vandalism that has been practised by some country people since the first sales of Crown lands in the early 1800's, especially those farmers whose land abutts inland streams.

The Forests Commission and State Rivers and Water Supply Commission are doing a reasonable job in protecting our streams and Crown reserves but they have no control over private lands and licensed strips abutting waterways.

### SERIOUS ABUSES ON PRIVATE LANDS

It is in these private cultivated areas that the most serious abuses of our heritage have taken place for decades.

This deplorable state of affairs exists because a large percentage of private water frontage land is held under old titles which give complete private control of land to the water's edge, public access (even for traverse) being completely denied without the owner's permission. In areas where a Crown reserve beside the stream exists land owners are granted for a nominal fee a licence over the bank strip which gives the farmer almost the equivalent of freehold rights, but in these cases the public may traverse but not remain upon the bank without the licensee's permission.

### LICENCE SYSTEM

Officials of the Lands Department defend the licensing system on three main grounds—

1.—It brings in revenue to the State and rates to the municipalities.

2.—Farmers keep the stream banks clear of noxious weeds and vermin.

3.—Farmers have access to the water for stock, etc.

If the licensing system were abolished, the loss of revenue and rates would be more than

offset by gains in many other directions. Hunting and fishing licences would increase and the injustice of licensed anglers having legal access to only a very small percentage of our streams would be removed. There would be a definite boost to the economy in general and stimulus to trade flowing from increased travel, manufacture and sales of sporting equipment, etc., and money spent by visitors in country areas would indirectly balance loss of rates to the municipalities.

The second point on which the licensing system is defended is easily demolished when one observes the miles of blackberry which infests and chokes the banks of many streams running through private land, blocking access and providing an impenetrable haven for rabbits and other pests.

### VANDALISM BY CITY AND COUNTRY FOLK

Certainly city visitors are responsible for much of the disgraceful littering, vandalism and stream pollution, but the selfish irresponsible acts of vandalism practised by some country residents is never mentioned.

Note This: One of our members, a keen angler, while recently following a trout stream in Gippsland, was ordered off by an irate farmer and he was threatened with physical violence. Ignoring the threats, our fisherman went on his way negotiating thick blackberry and barbed-wire fences, and soon there came into view the reasons for the farmer's objections to our intrepid angler's presence in the area.

A large piggery built on the banks of the river gave the animals free access to the water and layout of the piggery was such that all effluent drained into the stream. Next appeared the household tip, and finally, perched neatly on the bank, was the usual little "shack at the back." Our member reports that he saw irrefutable evidence that the material from this little structure was emptied into the river. No wonder he caught no trout that day.

Similar conditions can be seen in many areas throughout the State, including the banks of the mighty Murray. Parts of the Fifteen-mile Creek, near Wangaratta, are almost completely blocked by garbage from the hop-growing properties.

We recognise that only a few farmers are guilty of such deplorable practices, but even if only one person despoils a stream with impunity then we say that is one too many.

The third point of defence, providing farmers with access to water, appears to be a very weak argument. Thousands of farmers manage to run their farms without direct access to a stream, and there would seem to be no difficulty involved in pumping water to suitable storages if necessary.

### SYMPATHY WITH LAND OWNERS, BUT . . .

We have every sympathy with the land owners unfortunate enough to suffer loss or nuisance from the actions of hooligan hunters, unethical anglers, audacious mushroom gatherers, or pyromaniac picnickers, but we adhere to the broad principle that access to rivers, beaches, rocky cliffs, lakes and other areas of recreational value should be the right of all citizens and not the privilege of a select few simply because such areas lie within private (or Government) property.

No society will ever be free of its pestilential elements and lawbreakers who litter and destroy other people's property. These types can never be eliminated, but they can be controlled in the same way that society attempts to control traffic offenders or any kind of miscreant.

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## Elderly Citizens' Social Club News

Tomorrow (Friday, March 22) at 8 p.m. the Boomerangs will give a concert in the Elderly Citizens Club rooms in Sargood St. Donation 30c.

Members are urged to come and enjoy a wonderful concert. About 1,000 Elderly Citizens will attend a "Jamboree" at Ballarat next Monday, Mar. 25. Twenty-one buses will carry the members from 8 clubs.

A Civic reception for the Elderly Citizens will be given at the Town Hall by the Mayor of Ballarat. The Hall will be open for members at 1.30 p.m. During the afternoon a member from each club will give an item. Some of the day's events will be televised by Ballarat television.

Altona members are advised that buses will leave the club at 9.30 a.m.

Last Saturday night the biggest crowd ever was at the monthly dance 100 people, and good night was enjoyed by all.

Last Monday 50 members watched the taping of a Tommy Hanlon Show which will be televised on channel 9 on Mar. 28. Viewers will probably recognise the locals in the audience.

## ROAD WARNING BEFORE THE RAIN

If, and when, the rain eventually comes to Victoria, there is unfortunately going to be a sudden rash of road accidents unless motorists do something about their tyres immediately, said a tyre expert yesterday.

Mr. J. Kelly, Victorian Manager of Goodyear Australia, said a survey taken this week showed that over 85 per cent of all cars in the Melbourne metropolitan area had at least one bald tyre.

"The roads are dry now, and adhesion is fairly good," said Mr. Kelly, "but we've all been praying for rain and when it does come even the finest drizzle will turn the film of dust on the road into a slick surface with a lot of slipping and sliding and resultant accidents."

"To avoid these accidents, some of which could be quite serious, motorists should have their tyres attended to now, before the rain!"

## Newport's Great Baseball Win

Newport staged a dramatic fightback to defeat Sandringham in the baseball preliminary final last Sunday.

Newport now meets Alphington in the grand final at Royal Park at 12-30 p.m. next Sunday, March 24.

Newport won the toss and decided to bat last and opened with John Armstrong pitching to Reg Simpson.

An error by Newport in the first innings let a Sandringham runner on bases, but a great catch by Barry Cleary at right field stopped what looked like a certain run.

Newport came to bat in the equalising innings and a safe hit by Tommy Gray was converted into a run when captain John Maher hit safely.

Both sides were playing well and good pitching and fielding by Newport kept Sandringham in check. Centrefielder Jimmy Kelly caught a long hit which could have resulted in a run to Sandringham.

Sandringham had the bases loaded in the third innings, but Armstrong stepped out perfectly to Gray at third base and retired the side when it looked as if Sandringham would score.

## Sandringham Takes The Lead

At the top of the fourth innings Newport were still leading 1-0 when Sandringham came to bat. Then Sandringham started a batting rally and scored two runs to take a 2-1 lead.

Newport were in trouble, and an error by Newport and two safe hits by Sandringham saw them go further ahead and lead 3-1.

Terry Forrester relieved Armstrong for Newport as pitcher and retired Sandringham.

## Newport Fights Back

At the bottom of the fifth innings safe hits to Cleary, Gray, Simpson and Harry Douglas let Newport back into the game and three runs were scored, taking Newport to a 4-3 lead.

The game had become very exciting and supporters of both sides were screaming themselves hoarse.

Forrester was pitching extremely well for Newport and had the Sandringham batters in check.

Safe hits in the eighth innings by Ian Andrews, Cleary and Simpson put the result beyond doubt when two more runs were scored for Newport to go further ahead and lead 6-3.

## Box Scores

Sandringham: 000,210,000—3.  
Newport: 100,030,02x—6.  
SAFE HITS: Tom Gray 4, Reg Simpson 3, Barry Cleary 2, John Maher 1, Harry Douglas 1, Ian Andrews 1.

BEST PLAYERS: It would be impossible to pick a best player as it was a complete team effort by Newport.

An interesting point of this game is that in the winter baseball competition Newport is a B Grade side and Sandringham an A Grade side. The two pitchers used by Sandringham have played interstate baseball, one for Western Australia and the other for Victoria.

## Next Sunday

This Sunday Newport will play Alphington in the grand final at 12-30 p.m. The game will be played at the baseball centre, Manningham-rd., Royal Park. All interested persons are urged to go along and cheer the local side on to victory. There is ample car parking and seating facilities for all.

## New Coach

Newport Baseball Club has a new coach for the 1968 winter baseball season in Jim Young. He has played for Victoria for the last two years and although only 26 years of age has had many years of A Grade experience with Coburg, one of the top clubs in A Grade.

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He will play his last game with Coburg next Sunday in the A Grade grand final at 3 p.m. and will then take over as coach of Newport when training starts on Sunday, April 7, at Newport Sports Oval at 9-30 a.m.

## NEW CHURCH FOOT- BALL ASSOCIATION

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